

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD OF WILLIAM S. JENNINGS

WORK ACCOMPLISHED AS MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AS GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA.

The Jacksonville Times-Union of Sunday contained the following brief summary of the record of Governor Jennings as a member of the House of Representatives and as Governor of the State of Florida:

- (1). Governor Jennings, while a member of the House, prepared and revised the rules of the House of Representatives during the session of 1893, which have been readopted by each successive House of Representatives; he is the author or originator of the ideas embraced in the following:
 - (2). Present jury law;
 - (3). Assessment of bank stock;
 - (4). Law governing compensation of jurors and witnesses;
 - (5). Sleeping-car tax;
 - (6). Graduated license tax on express companies, requiring express companies to pay a license tax in each place of business, which law was sustained by the United States Supreme Court in a test case;
 - (7). Law fixing liability of persons and corporations for damages resulting from death of anyone caused by neglect or carelessness of corporations, etc.;
 - (8). Creating commission on uniformity of legislation throughout the United States;
 - (9). For election of school boards by popular vote;
 - (10). Law abolishing County Boards of Health; repealing the one-half mill county health tax, amounting to \$50,000;
 - (11). Laws increasing powers and duties of State Board of Health and State Health Officer;
 - (12). Law requiring railroads to deliver freight upon payment for amount of freight actually delivered;
 - (13). Law requiring holders of tax

sale certificates to give notice by publication of application for tax deed;

(14). Law prohibiting lotteries in Florida;

(Note—Congress enacting almost identically the same law afterwards.)

(15). Law prohibiting prize fighting;

(16). Resolution making the direct tax law (under which about \$40,000 was collected) operative;

(17). Constitutional amendment requiring counties to pay costs of criminal prosecutions;

(18). Constitutional amendment disallowing fees in certain cases before committing magistrates;

(19). Constitutional amendment providing for distribution of the one-half mill school tax on basis of average attendance instead of census of school population;

(20). Reduction of interest on bonded debt;

(21). Law creating commission for relief of Supreme Court;

(22). Law directing that tax sale certificates held by state authorities be returned to clerks of circuit courts, whence they came;

(23). Law requiring persons to give bond for carrying repeating rifles;

(24). Constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to increase number of the Justices of Supreme Court;

(25). Constitutional amendment authorizing Legislature to create an additional Circuit Court Judgeship;

(26). Authorizing application of surplus moneys to payment of bonded debt;

(27). Author of present widows' pension law;

(28). Uniform system of insurance of State properties;

(29). Requiring establishment of high schools;

(30). Law requiring distribution of proceeds of the hire of State prisoners to be made to counties upon the basis of valuations, instead of on a per capita basis of prisoners sent from the several counties;

(31). Author of resolution adopted in Hernando county establishing a primary system for nomination of county officers, in 1892; and of

(32). Resolution directing that a uniform primary election be held in First Congressional district, in 1900;

(33). He strongly advocates the primary system of making nominations;

(34). He strongly urged and recommended the creation of a State Board of Equalization; establishment of hard-surfaced roads; payment of balance of the State's bonded debt; taxation of franchises; arbitration; drainage and reclamation of the swamp and overflowed lands; consolidation of public schools, and free school book system;

(35). Resolutions by Trustees of Internal Improvement fund, asserting title to all swamp and overflowed lands under act of January 6, 1895.

Laws of Florida, with broad discretion, gave power of control and sole disposition of said land by trustees and the doctrine that the Legislature, having created trustees and vested the lands obtained under act of Congress of September 28, 1850, in the trustees irrevocably, that subsequent Legislatures did not have title or lands or power to convey any more than a man who deduced his lands to another in 1850 would have power to deed it every two years thereafter to others.

Veto Messages as Governor.

Governor Jennings has vetoed the following measures:

(1). Joint resolution making application to Congress calling for a constitutional convention of the United States.

(2). Certain items in the general appropriation bill, which, in his opinion, were unnecessary and unconstitutional, amounting to \$245,750.

(3). An act for the assessment and collection of revenue, because, in his opinion, it was made possible for the railroad, telegraph and street railway companies to place a valuation upon their property.

(4). Minimal charter bill, because it was, in his opinion, unconstitutional, containing more than one subject matter; and for the further reason that the act attempts to give the council power to discontinue streets and vacate parks and squares, when deemed expedient, and to release the rights of the public therein, which was not considered within the power of the Legislature to grant.

What Has Been Accomplished.

Such a comparison shows that the receipts from the general license tax increased during the latter two years over the receipts for the two former years from \$315,665.75 to \$373,356.61, increase \$57,690.86, or 18.5 per cent; from insurance company tax from \$57,553.12 to \$113,338.03, increase \$55,784.91, or 97.8 per cent; from interest on state deposits in banks from \$6,887.30 to \$15,886.70, increase \$11,949.40, or 173.5 per cent; from the sale of fertilizer stamps from \$14,724.79 to \$30,260, increase \$15,535.21, or 105 per cent; and from the corporation charter tax from \$12,068 to \$18,068, increase \$6,000, or 50 per cent.

The elimination of the lands from the assessor's books that have been sold and resold for taxes, resulting in a saving to the state of \$30,000 per annum; increase in the sale of redemption of tax certificates from \$75,824.07 to \$169,734.30, an increase of \$93,910.23, 214 per cent; the increase in the proceeds of the hire of state prisoners from \$44,000 for four years' contract to \$600,000, a difference of over a half million of dollars; the proceeds from the hire of state prisoners for the first eighteen months of Governor Jennings' term were greater than for twenty-six years previous thereto.

There has been a saving on the public debt, by reduction of interest, \$40,000 per annum.

There has been paid on the bonded debt during his administration, to the United States, \$396,212.66; to individuals owning state bonds, \$148,000; to the school fund, \$186,968.08. The only payments on the bonded debt of the state in thirty years, save a few hundred dollars in the sinking fund, prior to 1882.

The state capitol has been extended and practically rebuilt and newly furnished; all the state institutions, including those for higher education, have been extended and enlarged by new buildings and otherwise, at a cost of, approximately, \$300,000, which has not heretofore been appropriated for said institutions.

The number of pensioners has increased from 758, in 1901, to upward of 2,000, requiring an annual increase of from \$75,000 to upward of \$150,000, being over 100 per cent increase.

The appropriations for institutions of higher education in 1901 and 1903 are equal to the total appropriations for the past ten years.

Public Lands Sold.

The amount of Internal Improvement and Swamp Lands sold (in accordance with the provisions of the act of 1883), the proceeds to be applied to the relief of the bonded counties, since the commencement of Governor Jennings' term, aggregate \$49,746.89. During the entire nine years immediately preceding the beginning of his term, the entire amount received from the sale of such lands was \$46,872.66, which shows an increase in the proceeds of the sale of such lands during the first two and a half years of Governor Jennings' term of \$2,874.23 over the entire nine years preceding; and the amount of bonds paid by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement fund amount to \$49,264.54, which is more than has been paid during the previous nine years.

The bonded counties are as follows: Jefferson, Leon, Madison, Suwannee, Baker, Bradford, Columbia (and the city of Jacksonville).

(See Acts of 1883, page 82, chapter 3473 or 4.)

The efficiency of the Florida State Troops has been gradually improved, and the appropriations for encampments amount to more than for the previous six years.

The sum of \$50,000.00 has been appropriated for the encouragement of high schools of the various counties, an appropriation which has never been made before.

The sum of \$100,000, in round numbers, was appropriated from the proceeds of the Indian War claim as interest on the amount of school funds held by the general government pending settlement.

The number of Justices of the Supreme Court has been increased from three to six.

The number of Judges of the Circuit Courts has been increased from seven to eight.

The number of state's attorneys has been increased from seven to eight.

The number of congressional districts has been increased from two to three.

AMUSEMENTS.

LAST NIGHT'S PLAY.

The Savoy Theatre Company presented last night that farcical comedy "A Circus Girl"—just the kind of play for a Pensacola audience. Of course everyone has, at some time or other, seen the "Circus Girl," and still its popularity continues to spread. This company played the piece almost to perfection, and judging from the great amount of applause, the play was thoroughly enjoyed. The bill for tonight is "Cumberland 61," a play that has had many successful seasons.

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